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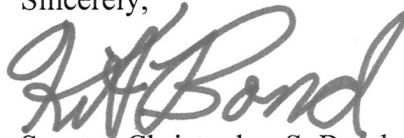
Dear Assistant Secretary Woodley,

This week Missouri has experienced an extreme flooding event that has ruined homes, damaged farm land and taken the lives of people and animals.

All things considered, it seems that the release of a Spring Rise is not only insensitive, but redundant. If a natural pulse has not done the job of a man made flood, I fail to see what we are working toward. Even if the Spring Rise is delayed, the people of Missouri will still not have enough time to repair their levees and homes before they get another rush of water.

I urge you to cancel the 2008 Spring Rise.

Sincerely,



Senator Christopher S. Bond